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**Historic Preservation Commission
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road
May 8, 2003
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. at the Community Design Studio

ATTENDANCE

Present: Cathy Johnson, Chairperson
B.J. Gonzales
Tom Lennon
Ed Wimmer

Absent: Doug Sydnor
Janet Wilson

Staff: Don Meserve
Debbie Abele, HPO

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members and staff present as stated above.

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Chairperson Johnson stated that the minutes of April 10, 2003 stood approved as presented.

HPC/STAFF REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated they were lucky to be able to schedule their regular meeting during the Arizona Preservation Week and have the presentation on the Historic Buildings and Areas in the Downtown.

Chairperson Johnson reported that the Education Outreach Committee met prior to the Commission meeting and had a good discussion. Commissioners and Committee members were both very pleased to see that the Historic Preservation Program is now part of the City web pages after months of work and delays. The Commission thanked staff for completing this task and were pleased with the copies of the web pages they received for the meeting. The web address is www.scottsdaleaz.gov/historiczoning.

Ms. Abele reported the Commission would be holding the public hearing on the Eriksson Residence Certificate of Appropriateness, Case #3-HP-2003, for the Adobe Apartments Historic Property at the second meeting of the month on May 22, 2003.

Mr. Meserve provided an update on the Charles Miller house, located previously at 75th Place north of Thomas Road. He stated the house was threatened to be demolished at that location and the Commission encouraged the owners to see if the house could be moved or saved. The past owner gave the house to Richard Funke with the condition that he move the house to another location. Mr. Funke has moved the Charles Miller house to his property on 1st Street just west of Goldwater Boulevard at his own expense.

Mr. Meserve reported they are working with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to obtain FEMA funds for fire sprinklers for the Mission Church on Brown Avenue on the Scottsdale Historic Register. Project Impact funds from FEMA may be available to assist with the sprinklers for this historic church.

Mr. Meserve reported the Arizona Heritage Preservation Honor Awards 2003 would be held on Friday, May 9th at the Phoenix Masonic Temple in downtown Phoenix.

Mr. Meserve stated the Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference will be held on June 26th-28 2003 at the historic San Marcos Hotel in Chandler, Arizona. He requested that any of the Commissioners' who are interested in registering to attend this conference let him know and staff will pursue funding from the CLG program of the State Historic Preservation Office to assist them with 60% of the registration fee of \$75.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:

Presentation of Historic Buildings and Areas in the Downtown

Don Meserve, Preservation Planner and Debbie Abele, Historic Preservation Officer, presented a powerpoint and slide show to the property owners, interested citizens and Commissioners present. The purpose of the presentation was to continue to broaden the base of support for the historic preservation program and designating downtown buildings on the Scottsdale Historic Register.

Mr. Meserve made the initial presentation and described: the role of the Historic Preservation Commission in conducting surveys; the fact that historic designations are context based; the process used for the intensive downtown survey; the criteria for eligibility for listing a property on the Scottsdale Historic Register; the specific downtown context of Scottsdale's development as an arts colony and tourist destination; the architectural styles found in the downtown; and the benefits of historic preservation and HP zoning.

Ms. Abele provided a detailed description of the arts colony and tourist destination context and used slides to show downtown buildings that best represent this context.

Numerous properties that could be considered for local listing and HP designation and two collections were shown in the slide presentation including, but not limited to, Pink Pony, Sugar Bowl, Scottsdale Savings Bank/Woolworths, the Simonson Building, the south side on Main Street, and the 5th Avenue collection. The buildings shown in the slides were considered some of the more significant post-World War II downtown commercial properties, identified through the downtown survey, that tell the story of the community's development as an arts colony and tourist destination.

Ms. Abele stated that the Commission and staff would like to talk more with individual property owners before initiating further HP zoning cases so that owners have the opportunity to understand the historic preservation program, the benefits of designation, and can ask questions about the program and impacts of being listed on the Scottsdale Historic Register and the HP overlay zoning.

There were a few comments from the Commission and others in attendance thanking staff for the presentation and supporting additional designations of significant downtown properties. No schedule was set for initiating any additional HP downtown zoning cases. Commissioners and staff are encouraged to continue efforts to identify downtown property owners that are supportive of historic preservation. The attendance at the open house was less than desired by the Commissioners. Staff noted that another event was taking place at the same time that some community members had told staff they would be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

For the Record Court Reporters and Don Meserve

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